

6<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

The beginning of October has certainly brought a change of weather and the half term break is approaching very quickly. There is, however, still a lot happening and we are all as busy as ever.

#### Parent Consultations

Due to the current restrictions, Parent Consultations will take place online this autumn. You will shortly receive an invitation to book an interview on either the 20<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> October for Years 4, 5 & 6 and the 15<sup>th</sup> October for Year 3. Once the slots are set, we will be sending out links to a meeting on Microsoft Teams. The evenings will share a log in and the teachers will be able to control who is admitted into the meeting and when. There will be a strict time limit of ten minutes, but if a matter arises that needs a more detailed conversation, the teachers will be happy to organise a further meeting with you after half term. We appreciated that this will not give you the usual opportunity to see your child's books, but we are keen to offer a chance for you to discuss how your child has settled into the year group and safety is paramount. If you do not have access to an appropriate device for holding a discussion with your child's teacher, please contact the office and we will make alternative arrangements for speaking to you.

#### Remote Learning

A reminder that the year group blogs contain remote learning for each week, so your child's education can continue if they are advised to isolate. If a child is unwell, we would not expect them to be completing home learning. Rest is the best medicine for most illnesses.

Please see attached to this letter, a copy of our contingency plan should a bubble be sent home or in the event of a local or national lockdown. If you have any questions, comments or issues around accessing remote learning, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

#### Relationships and Sex Education

Last July, I shared with you the school's new Relationships and Sex Education policy and I have attached it again for your information. This has been compiled to reflect the statutory content published by the government in June 2019. We will be tapping into Coram Life Education resources as well as Twinkl to support our teaching. Although the curriculum is compulsory and all children must receive all aspects of the lessons, I would ask you to look at the curriculum maps for each year group. We have a duty to discuss different kinds of families and to help our children to understand love, commitment and responsibility in all contexts.

Puberty is part of the science curriculum and this is taught in Year 5. Parents will be informed when this is going to be taught. Sex and reproduction is taught in Year 6 and this is the only part of the curriculum that parents can ask for their child to opt out. Again, you will receive further information about when this subject will be covered and the materials used.

If you have any queries, comments or questions on the policy, please direct them to the school office and I will answer them as soon as possible.



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### Face Masks

We have been very lucky that the school has been Covid free so far and we are very keen to keep all children in school for as long as possible. We are, therefore, going to follow the example of other local schools and ask for all visitors to wear a face covering on the school site including drop off and pick up at the beginning and end of the day. Staff will wear face visors as they bring the classes up at the end of the day. It would be great, if visitors could assume the good practice now, but we will be insisting on it from **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October**.

### Reminders

Thank you for supporting everything we have put in place, but could I please ask that you are prompt with dropping children off in the morning. Our bubbles are being compromised, by groups of children arriving after 8:50am and needing to come through the office. Could I also remind you that lunch money is now due. The school is already carrying a large debt with lunch money and we would be grateful if accounts could be settled promptly.

Finally, a reminder that our last day before the half term break is Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October and school reopens to pupils on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

Kind regards

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